

Dublin, Sunday, Jan. 28. 1855

Dear Mrs Chapman - You will see by the  
A. S. Advocate for February which I send you  
herewith, how much of our attention is taken  
up, as to Anti-Slavery matters, by George  
Thompson's eruvocal course at the late  
London Conference. Very nearly 5 pages of  
this number being devoted to the first & last.

Never, always felt warmly & kindly & even  
gratefully to S. T. - every now and again  
different with him - & finally admiring the  
general bravery of his anti-slavery cause,  
I would have abstained from the comment if  
I could honestly do so. But to give any thing I meant  
like a fair account of the conference I must  
put in the full speech of Stephen Phillips,  
Bush & James, and the letters of Mr Bush &  
of Mr Moore; and I must remark that  
I had no access to the "flowing tribute" beyond  
the extract in the *Emancipator* - or else I would  
have printed it too. Though very little was  
said in the other, a great deal was implied  
in it. But could I help this? he did  
not say. Either were anxious that no word  
should be said about him that could be  
helped & that if any blame were deduced  
from what we did not say, they could not  
be avoided. G. T. saw it all quickly  
enough. Hence his speech printed in the  
*Emancipator*, and sent to me to write after it  
was said to have been spoken - hence the  
slipping pamphlet which reached me the  
day after - and hence in another day or



could be avoided. Well, I know that  
S. T. regards me as the first delinquent  
against him. The facts I should have  
written to himself. But the truth is I  
will not avoid breaching my engagements  
so many, so various, & all thoroughly,  
respectable & reliable. In consequence  
of Pellew's letter, I took trouble of  
the writing down out of my recollection &  
put them before you. them.

Well, then, the Advocate was just going  
to print on the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup> when  
came by post the letters from Mr. Bishop.  
I had just found at page 22<sup>nd</sup>, and  
which were then said to be that had been  
previously printed of S. Th. in print. As it  
justifies Mr. Bishop & the other correspondents  
as well as myself I hastily stibbed the  
print, removed to an article & printed  
the Bishop's letters in such good time  
that, in about 3 hours after it reached,  
the Advocate was on its way to  
him with his letter inserted.

Now, knowing you as I do, and how warmly &  
justly attacked your family are to S. Thompson;  
knowing how great his services have been, & how  
ungratefully trifling my own; I would not  
dare to say these things to you if I had not  
the fullest consciousness that I have acted  
in good faith, without malice, without either  
the suppressed view of the ~~Supplementary~~ suggested

John, so fully charged by Mr. Thompson  
of Chicago. My only explanation for  
this affair is that Thompson having been  
fairly drawn to this side by poverty, &  
the difficulty of keeping the wolf from the  
door, takes up this paper in which  
of course he need have been helped, &  
as the British & Foreign Committee belong  
exactly to that class of affluent &  
wealthy dissenters on whom he would  
naturally try to get through the Committee,  
he tried to fit himself to them in his  
time with as little opposition to them as he  
could manage without cheating the  
adherents of 21. Compt. — that he  
finds he has made a mistake &  
tries to retreat his position by attacking  
small by the way & talking like  
a much injured man of his party  
in service. Now I leave the matter in  
your hands.

My father, aged just 78 $\frac{1}{2}$  died on the  
28th of last month. Until within a few  
months of his death he had enjoyed excellent  
health & was a remarkably healthy looking  
old man. He has good but not strong abilities.  
He was remarkable for integrity, unaffectionate,  
simplicity of character, benevolence, & great kind-  
ness & thoughtfulness to the poor. He died of  
apoplexy & left this world in the most peaceful  
way for an old man, without pain or anxiety.